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Blessings at Christmas

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
-Author Unknown





New Jersey State Council Columbiettes

Message from State President Elena McFarland

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family, friends and loved ones. We are beginning to prepare for the Christmas season. I know it is sometimes the most overwhelming time of the year and can become stressful, especially, with the state of our nation as we continue to face the Corona Virus Pandemic. Please take a moment during Advent to pray for those who have lost their lives and those that are suffering the effects of COVID-19. Christmas is a celebration of life, the birth of Christ. Celebrate all the blessings around us that Christ has and continues to give us! I want to encourage everyone to join the 30 Week Club! Tell your friends, family and coworkers for \$1 a week you have a chance to win three prizes! If we have 300 participants, we will have a special drawing at convention!! This fundraiser is being

run in lieu of a social gathering, tricky tray, etc. which require people to travel and we are unable to do with social distancing restrictions. With the 30 Week Club everyone can join in the fun without leaving the comfort of home.

The 2021 NJSCC Convention will be held June 25-27, 2021 at the Embassy Suites, Piscataway, NJ. Let us pray for the Corona Virus Pandemic to end and all are safe, so we will be able to return to an in-person convention for 2021. Information will be sent out in January. I look forward to our cruise theme and I invite you all aboard the S.S. Columbi-ette as we plan to sail away!

With the guidance of St. Therese, may our little acts of kindness shine with great love.

Joyous Christmas and Prosperous New Year!!
-Elena



Message from State Chaplain Fr. William Smith

In less than a week we will be celebrating the great mystery of our faith that God came down from heaven and became a human being. This shows us how much God loves us. The God/man is Jesus who was born in Bethlehem.

I am sure that as we celebrate Christmas, 2020 it will be celebrated in a way we could never have imagined. But we won't have to use our imagination to celebrate Christmas, 2020 as we never have before. Remember God loves each of one of us.

May you experience GOD'S LOVE and PEACE Christmas, 2020.

May your best of 2020 be your worst in 2021.

A healthy 2021!

You and your families will be remembered in my Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

GOD BLESS!

Fr. William Smith



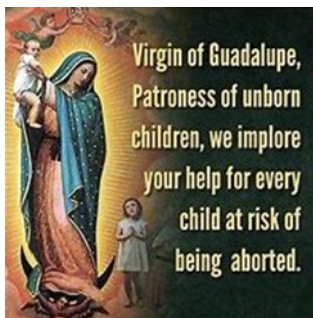


SUB—Save Unborn Babies

Hail Mary Campaign to Save Unborn Babies from Abortion

Please support our campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession to save unborn babies from abortion by helping to pray ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS. A dedicated e-mail address: hailmarystosub@gmail.com has been set up to receive tallies from anyone at any time.

Please pray Hail Marys at your meetings and ask family members, friends, neighbors, church groups, etc. to pray Hail Marys to help in obtaining this goal. The cumulative tally of all Hail Marys prayed will be updated as responses are received at: www.donboscocolumbiettes.weebly.com. This campaign will end on May 31, 2021 at which time all Hail Marys prayed will be dedicated to Our Lady. Thank you for your assistance. God bless you all! Please continue to pray the Rosary whenever you can.



Immediate Past State President—Victoria Bird

This year, 2020, will not be forgotten by any of us. The adjustments that we all had to make to our daily routines because of the pandemic by staying home, wearing a mask, attending mass virtually, attending meetings and conventions virtually, to name but a few of the adjustments that we all made. I know that for me saying the rosary has helped me to get through this difficult time.

As many of you know Jim and I moved to Summer-ville, South Carolina in October. The timing just worked out with the quick sale of our home and the purchase of a new home in SC. We are now closer to our daughters and sons-in-law and grandchildren. Unfortunately we are further from our son and daughter-in-law in, who are in Maine – eventually a quick plane ride will take care of that.

I want to let you know that the requests for 'Welcome

Seeds' will be completed in the next couple of weeks.....I finally unpacked the box that contained the welcome letter and seeds! So, please continue to send them to me via email (vicki.ann.bird@gmail.com) or mail them to me at my South Carolina address (114 Riviera Dr. Summer-ville, SC 29483). I look forward to receiving them, to know that our membership is growing.

I want to wish everyone a very *Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!*

May the Holy Family bless you and all your families, today and in all the days to come.

Vicki Bird



A Message from our Prestigious Past State Presidents

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

May your ovens be filled with turkeys and pie,
And may your Thanksgiving blessings be as high as the sky.
We wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you, your family, and friends!
Stay Safe! Stay Healthy! Stay Hopeful!

Prestigious Past State Presidents:

Sandy, Barbara Ann, Marion, Anna,
Anne, Barbara, Susan, Lorraine, Lisa

Dear Sister Columbiettes.

Our Christmas wish for you, our friends
Is not a simple one
We wish you hope and joy and peace
and days filled with warmth and sun

We wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness
To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you have been given
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold

We wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Merry Christmas
And a happy New Year, too!
With loving best wishes,

Prestigious Past State Presidents:

Sandy, Barbara Ann, Marion, Anna,
Anne, Barbara, Susan, Lorraine, Lisa



Finacial Secretary—Kathleen Donahue

What a year this has been!

Let's not focus on the negative
but instead let's look forward
to the positive.

Thanksgiving was a time to
remember that we have much
to be grateful for.

Soon Christmas will be here.
The birth of Our Savior brings
light into the world. There is
hope for the future. You have

to believe that things will get
better. We should all pray for
a brighter tomorrow. Believe
that our faith will be rewarded
with a better 2021.

May the new year bring you
good health, peace and happi-
ness. I wish you all a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!

Kathy Donahue
NJ State Financial Secretary

Treasurer—Donna Lewandowski

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

As we enter the season of
gratitude and giving please
remember why we do what we
do. It is all about our fellow
man, woman or child.

We have seen a great change
in our world as we know it,
weather for the better or not.
It is our duty and privilege as
children of God to spread his
word and love. If you are able,
check on an elderly neighbor,
a mom with kids trying to bal-
ance work, school and a
household. Check on essen-
tial workers, they too need to
know we are here for them

and willing to lend an ear, if
need be.

It is our duty as Columbiettes
to share the love of God. May
you all have a wonderful
Thanksgiving with much to be
thankful for and a very
Blessed Merry Christmas.
And please, let's pray for a
Happy Healthy New Year!

Please pray the rosary daily
for peace in our world.

Be grateful and have hope,

Donna Lewandowski
NJ State Treasurer





State Advocate—Cathe Nicholson

The fall & chilly weather is upon us which can only mean one thing....the holidays are right around the corner. While this year may have us celebrating differently, the meaning of these wonderful holidays still remains the same. The times, whether together in smaller gatherings or sitting in front of your computer sharing with your family via Zoom, will be memories we will be making and ones which we will talk about for years to come.

I am keeping each of you and your families in my thoughts and prayers during these unusual times and wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a calm, back to normal and healthy 2021.

Cathe Nicholson
NJ State Advocate



SHARE ON *Christmas Day*

By: 365greetings.com

*"Loving is sharing, and sharing is loving"
This is a phrase that we've all been hearing.
It is time to prove that this saying is true,
For Christmas is already here with me and you.*

*Honor and praise for Jesus is coming.
Be thankful to God of what you are receiving.
Say "thank you" for you still have something to cook,
And share it to others who have no food.*

*It is time to think of what we've been doing.
Is there a good place where the world is going?
Change the things that would hurt others and you,
And focus on deeds that would only do good.*

*Remember that all lives are worth living.
There's always a purpose of what you are making.
Keep in mind that you have someone to turn to,
Never feel blue for God is always with you.*



Badges & Jewelry

I have missed seeing you at your various degrees and meetings due to their cancellations or postponements. Since we cannot meet in person at the moment, I have some wonderful news for you. We are creating a Jewelry page on the NJ State Columbiettes website.

The page will include pictures of the items available as well as the order form. You can e-mail or send the form by regular mail to place your order.

I hope this opportunity will make it easier for you to purchase the many lovely jewelry items available, as

well as other items such as travel card cases, embroidered patches and a Columbiette bag.

Please contact me at columbietteskathy@yahoo.com or call 732-826-3881 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Kathy Donahue
Jewelry Chairperson



Recruitment

I am sure by now many of you have heard that the Supreme Council has changed our First and Major Degrees. It is now the "Initiation Ceremony". It combines both the First and Major Degree. The Auxiliary will be able to put on this Ceremony at their meetings. At the present time, the Ceremony has been put on virtually by Supreme. Our State is in the process of planning to do the same. More information will be forthcoming.

We also have new applications. Go to www.columbiettes.com under forms. Item #6 is the new A-100. Item #8 is the Code of Conduct (page 6 must be signed and returned to you) and Item #9 which is the Risk form if you are meeting in person, your members attending the meeting should sign.

Retention

Although we are limited to what we can do or where we can go during this time; this is a good time for retention. Form a committee to call upon your members to see how they are doing at this time, not only active members but inactive and former members as well. It is nice to be remembered. Many Auxiliaries and Chapters are holding Zoom meetings (or another company) and they are working out quite well.

Ronald McDonald House—Tab Tops

You have no idea how much saving those tab tops help the Ronald McDonald House. On one of our trips there this year there was a young girl sitting on the porch with her mother. She asked what are all those things and the House Manager said to her "it's to help children just like you" and she had the biggest smile on her face. It was truly a heart-warming feeling. You will also see a thank you letter from the House Manager. All I can say is to please keep saving these tabs and ask your family and friends to do so too.

Sandy Bohinski, Vicky Bird, Susan Kadar, Nadine Lecor-chick, Lisa Roberts





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November 5, 2020

Mrs. Sandra Bohinski
Columbiettes-New Jersey State Council
2 Lake Avenue P.O. Box 546
Helmets, NJ 08828

Dear Mrs. Bohinski,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Ronald McDonald House of Central & Northern New Jersey, I would like to formally thank you for your donation of pop tabs.

The donated pop tabs are taken to a local recycling station where they are weighed and cashed in by the pound. The money is used to assist the House with operational expenses and cover the cost for the families who stay with us. The Pop Tab Collection Program enables us to provide a home to keep families close while their children are receiving medical care.

We appreciate your continued efforts in helping us defray the cost of caring for families with a critically ill child or children. Your ongoing Pop Tab collection makes a difference in the lives of the families we are privileged to serve. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Melinda Rispoli
House Manager

Our federal tax identification number is 22-2710041. This organization is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. IRS Section 170(e)(2)(B) for both federal and state tax purposes.

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Memorial Fund, Greeting Card & Business Card

Did you know that the New Jersey State Council Columbiettes has a Greeting Card program? Well, we do, and all proceeds are donated to our Seminarians and Postulants in June at convention. Studies suggest that cards can provide comfort and joy to people that are feeling isolated and overwhelmed due to the Corona virus pandemic.

What kind of cards can be requested?

There are 2 types of cards: Folded greeting cards and business card enclosures (a business card size printed on both sides that can be inserted into your own store-bought greeting card). The greeting cards have our "Little Ways of Love" theme on the front. Both can be created for all occasions. Thank You, Get Well, Congratulations, Thinking of You, Sympathy, whatever your need may be. You can provide me with the verse that you want written on the card, or I will write a custom message from you.

How is a card requested?

Send me an email, text, call,

or letter. Your request should include who the card is being sent to (along with their address if it is not in the State Columbiette directory), who it is from, and what kind of card you want.

How long does it take for the card to get sent out?

I will mail the completed card within 48 hours of your request using your return address or I can deliver it to you for your special occasion. (And if you need me to hold it and mail it on a certain date, just let me know and I will do that!)

How much does it cost?

The suggested donation is \$5.00 per card (including postage) but any amount is gratefully accepted.

How do we pay?

You can request the cards today and pay for them tomorrow, I keep track of all requests and payments. You can mail a check made payable to "NJSCC" to me and I will forward it to the State Financial Secretary.





NOW ACCEPTING RE-QUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS! It's not too early to order those cards for your Chaplain, District Deputy, or whoever you want and check an item off your to-do list! These can be sent to the recipient or to you for presentation.

Do you have a question that was not answered? Please feel free to ask if anything is unclear. Wishing you a wonderful and blessed Christmas season!!

Kathy Jessen

Chair, NJSCC Greeting Card and Business Card Enclosure Program

Contact Information:
Email- kjessen5@optonline.net
Cell/Text- 732-261-7490/
Home Phone 732-721-2522



Historian/Pictures

Please send any photos that you have for the State Histo-

rian to Nicole Markus at Nicole.markus92@gmail.com.



Vocations—Pennies from Heaven

Please remember to keep saving those pennies, this will enhance our Vocation program and we may then be able to give our Seminarian/Postulants a large check to help them in their studies.

The Pennies check is due on or before June 1st, one check please and payable to New Jersey State Council Columbiettes. All amounts big and small are acceptable. If you want to send it earlier than the due date, that would be great.

See you at Convention, when you will see the gifts given out on Saturday morning to the Seminarian/Postulants

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS – REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR SELECTION OF A SEMINARIAN/POSTULANT TO ME BY April 15 or earlier if possible.

Thanks again.
Lorraine Noger, Chairlady
If you have any questions, let me know. 732-495-1958



Websites

Don't forget to regularly visit our Columbiette websites to learn about new activities, events and regulations!

- Supreme: www.columbiettes.com
- NJ State: www.njcolumbiettes.com



Convention Save the Date

Come Sail Away to the 65th Annual NJ State Council
Columbiette Convention
aboard the S.S. Columbiette
June 25-27, 2021
Embassy Suites, Piscataway, New Jersey



Watch for more information in the new year...



News from our State Chapters

Western

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

The last nine months have really given us an opportunity to think about what is important in our lives. With family members, friends, co-workers and acquaintances getting sick from COVID, with having to learn to work from home or learning to Zoom, WebEx, Facetime, making and getting used to wearing masks and social distancing, it has been a challenging time for everyone.

A lot of our planned and usually activities during the past year have had to be cancelled, but everyone's safety is our utmost priority. We have had several WebEx meetings and each time, we get more members participating. It is so good to "see" everyone and thank you to our children, spouses and friends that have helped everyone to stay connected.

Our individual Auxiliaries continue to do their good deeds in their respective communities to share their love with those that need their help, including supporting the homeless, food insecure, sick, veterans, and their individual parishes. Our Auxiliaries are finding new ways to successfully fundraise. We collected 142 book bags for the Paterson Catholic Charities and 2 big leaf bags of can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, in addition to several large boxes and bags of toiletries. I couldn't be more proud of how our ladies have really been stepping up to the challenges of the times. Keep up the great work ladies.

We would like to congratulate our 2020-2021 chapter officers:

President:	Lucie Cohn
Past President:	Barbara Hill
Vice President:	Betsy Roos
Secretary:	Mary Kubisky
Financial Secretary:	Colleen Testa
Treasurer:	Mary Hargraves
Sentinel:	Mary Ann Stanek



On behalf of the Western Chapter officers and members, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Safe New Year. May 2021 bring much healing and joy to each and every one of you. We are looking forward to being able to meet each other again soon.

Lucie Cohn
President, Western Chapter



South East

Our Columbian Year began a bit unusual from all others. The Covid-19 Pandemic has caused us to reach inside and think about how we can continue ministries, calls ... almost ... that personal connection was and is definitely missing.

Our Chapter Officers for the 2020-2021 year are: President – Katie Elichko (Our Lady of Victories), Immediate Past President – Kathy Donahue (Our Lady of Peace), Vice President – Gerri Kosloski (St Lawrence), Secretary – Louise Welch (Vincent T Lombardi), Financial Secretary - Barbara Kadubic (St Bartholomew), Treasurer – Agnes Gorska (Our Lady of Peace), Sentinel - Lois Ann Smith (St Bernadette).

Our first meeting of the year in September was cancelled due to the pandemic. Our future meetings for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year will be held at St Anthony of Padua in Port Reading for those who wish to attend in person and thanks to Father Bill, our Chaplain, those not able or wishing to attend in person may join us on ZOOM. A true

sign of our times.

Our 64th Convention “Cruise”, on the SS Columbi-ette, in lieu of water was “air borne” on Zoom. It was good to see so many Sister Columbiettes faces since we had not seen one another since our February meeting. We certainly missed the hugs, smiles and sharing usually done at our conventions. Not being able to host our charities and presentations to Seminarians and Postulants and hear the good works of all of our Diocesan recipients of our backpacks and toiletry bags was a definite disappointment, while quite necessary due to the pandemic.





Congratulations to all of the Auxiliaries that achieved the Margaret Mary J Mangan Award this past year and all of the many NJSCC Awards. The pandemic played a role in those achieving the Margaret Mary J Mangan Award, but our NJSCC edited requirements for our state awards since many of our activities had to be cancelled since March.

Chapter President Katie Elichko held our South East Chapter Officers Reorganization Meeting on Monday, August 17th. It was held at St Anthony of Padua thanks to Father Bill Smith. Masks and social distancing in place we were able to try to guess who was behind each "mask". Katie presented each officer with a miniature rose bush and Father Bill with beautiful home-grown cucumbers! He loved them as did we all!

Our Chapter Seminarian, Deacon Gilbert Starcher, was ordained a priest on Saturday, August 22, 2020, The Feast of the Queenship of Mary, for the Diocese of Metuchen at St Francis of Assisi Cathedral after much delay, also due to the pandemic, and with social distancing. We were able to attend this beautiful celebration of the Sacrament of Holy

Orders virtually. His First Mass the following day at the Church of St Ann, his home parish, in Hampton, New Jersey, was also virtual.

Also August 22nd saw our auxiliaries bringing their backpacks and toiletry bags as well as an enormous variety of additional supplies to Our Lady of Victories Council Knights of Columbus where at 8:00 a.m. our Chapter President, Katie Elichko presented Hope House of Newark the donations. Hope House was the recipient given to South East Chapter.

GOOD NEWS! Our Chapter Charity recipient – eleven-year-old Sienna Smith, after going through many rounds of unchartered infusions for her extremely rare cancer, has been successful to the point that she is now a candidate for a bone marrow transplant! Sienna celebrated her eleventh birthday at the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia while undergoing treatments and an email to our chapter auxiliary presidents requesting all of our Sister Columbiettes to send individual birthday cards to her. This request was met and Sienna's room was decorated with the numerous cards and decorations she received.



NJSCC Officers Seminar was done in record time on Sunday, September 13th at 10:30 a.m. and it was nice that so many also attended the mass following. We even got to see faces that we had not seen in months! NO masks required in your own home!

The Tricky Tray, our only chapter fundraiser usually held at our November meeting, has been postponed possibly being held in the Spring depending upon the pandemic restrictions. This is also usually our Christmas Party and Sister Columbiettes usually put on their Christmas sweaters and scarves. We will have something to look forward to for sure (hopefully) in the New Year. At this year's meeting we will be wishing one another the blessings of the seasons wearing masks, social distancing and via ZOOM! Thank God for ZOOM!

February is the month auxiliaries bring their nominations for our Chapter Charity, April our Right to Life Baby Shower (Life Choices in Metuchen, our recipient for April 2020, is still not accepting items except formula, baby food and new layettes). I call monthly to see when we can deliver items col-

lected for them. May is normally our Memorial Mass, May Crowning and nominations for the 2021-2022 year and June elections.

Our Evening of Recollection, postponed from March, was held at St Anthony's on October 21st. This year in lieu of mass Father Bill held a Holy Hour of Reflection. Scripture readings, time to meditate on the readings and pray in between readings was the theme of the evening. Benediction made this a truly spiritual service. Our gracious Chapter Chaplain held this in church with many attending via ZOOM!

As of this writing our Chapter Sister Columbiettes are anticipating our November 18th meeting and prayerfully are looking to the future when we can once again be together in a way that we once referred to as "normal".

South East Chapter Columbiettes wish you and yours A Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas as well as a HEALTHY, Happy and Blessed New Year! We pray everyone stays safe and well.





Prayer for the New Year

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy, and sensitivity!
May each day bring you closer to Christ and more loving to those to your family!
May each week see you advancing in the practice of faith, hope, and charity!
May each month give to you the aid, comfort and strength you need from God!
seasons make you appreciate and be grateful for all the good things you enjoy!
May the end of the New Year find you happier, healthier, and holier than you have ever been!
Amen.

May God Bless you ALL! Stay safe, stay well...
Lois Ann Smith, Publicity



South West

South West Chapter Columbiettes is happy to announce the officers for the 2020-2021 Columbiettes year.

President – Ann Fletcher; Immediate Past President – Carol Bohinski; Vice President – Kathleen Finn; Secretary – Nancy Lee; Financial Secretary – Jeanne Bellas; Treasurer – Evelyn Pearce; Sentinel – Joanne Rizzo

Due to COVID19, the September South West Chapter Meeting was held virtually on Zoom. Even though, we have not met in person this year, the South West Chapter is enthusiastically joining together and continuing the year in the “new normal”. Many members attended the meeting on Zoom and are looking forward to the day when we can meet safely in person and resume our normal activities.

As we attend these meetings, we are learning the new way of doing things, such as checking travel cards, taking attendance, and making and approving motions through Zoom. Although our meetings are very different, we still feel the connection and caring

that we share with each other as Columbiettes.

Hopewell Auxiliary was recognized in two articles in the Supreme Council Columbiettes Communicator for their concern for the military. Along with local volunteers, they made and distributed over 3,000 masks to facilities and organizations throughout the USA and to our military overseas. They hosted a “Military Appreciation Project” to support our troops serving in the Mid-East. Members collected items for our soldiers such as snacks, handmade rosaries and blankets. They also care for our troops’ partners, “K-9 War Dogs”, and donated funds for kennel fencing, which will bear the Columbiettes logo. They made blankets, collected leashes, collars, treats, beds, and flea collars. They also included a St. Francis/St. Anthony Medal for the kennel. We congratulate them for their efforts to support our troops.

In the “Get To Know Us” section of the Supreme Council Columbiettes Communicator, two South West Chapter members were profiled. Kathleen Finn, who is Chapter



Vice President and Immediate Past President of St. David the King and Janet Pinto, who is President of Our Lady of Peace. We are proud of their dedication to the Columbiettes.

Although we are in an environment in which no aspect of our lives and society is unaffected by this pandemic, we need to continue to stay positive and pray that soon the COVID19 battle will be won through prayer and medical advancements. Even though this pandemic has confronted us with challenges and uncertainty, we must strive to start each day with a positive thought and move forward to combat any obstacles that

may come our way.

South West Chapter wishes all our Sister Columbiettes and their families a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope that everyone is able to safely celebrate with family and friends. We pray that 2021 will bring blessings and peace to all.

May our patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese and St. Joan of Arc, watch over you and your families as we navigate through these unprecedented times and anticipate a return to normalcy.

Ann Fletcher, President



News from our State Auxiliaries

Bishop Navagh

Due to the pandemic, most of our activities that were scheduled from March – June were cancelled. These included Grains of Hope, April Fish Fry, Spring Flower Sale, and Shake-A-Can fundraiser. We were able to have a virtual baby shower. The Auxiliary purchased a stroller and our members gave the family some wonderful gifts. We also selected the winner for our Holy Spirit Catholic School scholarship. And we made monetary donations to the 2 local Food Pantries.

In September, we had an in-person meeting where we all wore masks and practiced social distancing. We did not have our usual social hour before the meeting. And as soon as the meeting adjourned, our members left the meeting room. We are doing all we can to stay safe.

We decided to add Zoom to our in-person meeting in October. Several of our members prefer not to attend in-person meetings. And we wanted to make sure they were included. So our V.P. Sue Fierro set up the zoom meeting. It was a good first attempt and we will work to improve it.

Our Adopt-A-Family this year consists of a young widow and her 5 young children. Our members are providing her with canned goods, paper products and gift cards to the local supermarket. We will supply their entire meal for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will also give the Mom a monetary donation so she can purchase some Christmas gifts for the children.

We had our Recruitment Drive in October at all 3 parishes. We have 1 potential new member right now and hope to hear from more interested women.

We had a virtual baby shower for a young single Mom who had a baby prematurely and needed help. The Auxiliary purchased a stroller and many members gave gifts.

We presented our Past President, Mary Kubisky with a gift for all her hard work over the last 3 ½ years. It was her idea to have a Tricky Tray in 2019 which was very successful.

We are all hoping for a safe, effective vaccine to end this pandemic. In the meantime, we pray that everyone stays safe and healthy.



Don Bosco—Newton

Like so many other auxiliaries we are extremely disappointed in not being able to meet, have fund raisers, work at the County Fair, to help raise money with the Knights of Columbus for various organizations. But it does little good to complain, and be negative, so our Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 decided to learn how to ZOOM so we could have meetings and do whatever we could to make our Auxiliary thrive.

As the COVID-19 Virus was closing all of New Jersey, we continued to keep our sisters up to date with our monthly newsletter called "Whispers of Faith." The newsletter included ideas and suggestions to enable sisters to cope with this unsettling time. We prayed, made masks, and reached our goal of saying ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS. Thanks to so many people that prayed as well, we said over FOUR MILLION HAIL MARYS.

I am happy to say that in early March we were able to sponsor one fund raiser, "Breakfast at Applebee's, in

which we raised seven hundred dollars. In late May we awarded three scholarships to four deserving young ladies. Two were given to eighth grade students and two were given to high school seniors. During the year we did collect over 52 pounds of can tabs. Yes, I did weigh them because I was curious. There were over 90 backpacks delivered to Western Chapter to be used for the new school year in September.

This year, on September 8th our Blessed Mother's birthday, we once again started our Hail Mary campaign, and this time we are praying to SAVE UNBORN BABIES, (SUB). A dedicated e-mail address has been set up at: hailmarystosub@gmail.com to receive tallies from anyone at any time. You may call 973-943-7930 and leave a message. Our one million Hail Mary's will continue until May 31, 2021. We hope that you will be able to help us reach our goal.

We started our ZOOM meeting in October with 29 Sisters in attendance. Some sisters



were able to master the art of joining ZOOM, while others phoned in, and still other sisters joined up with a computer savvy sister at their home, wore their masks and stayed six feet apart.



At our November meeting a few more sisters attended, and we are feeling more relaxed and enjoying the new format on the ZOOM. It is our hope, that starting in Spring 2021, we will once again be able to meet in person for our meetings.

Stay well, be positive in your thoughts, and have a most Blessed Christmas.

God Bless You.
Pam Raynor





General Judson Kilpatrick

Although we've been very careful the GJK Gals are not letting Covid get the best of them. Since the reopening of the churches our gals along with our Knights, and ushers are helping with sanitizing the churches between Masses. We also moved our baby shower to October to coincide with our Spiritual Adoption Program at St. Francis de Sales Church. Although we were not able to hold a baby shower as we had planned, we did the next best thing and hosted a virtual Baby Shower. We were able to collect gifts and monetary donations for Birth Haven in Newton. Also in October we placed remembrance markers on the graves of our dear sisters, Jackie Reich and Joan Stelingwerf and held a graveside ceremony to honor our sisters. We were also able to help out our Knights with a drive through pig roast they held at St. Monica's, which was a huge success. In November, we held our second in person meeting where we obeyed social distancing rules and wore face masks.



Hugs & Prayers,
Janet



Immaculate Conception—Spotswood

COVID-19 put a kink in all our activities. I am happy to report that we did not lose any of our members to COVID.

In May we crowned the statue of Mary at the Columbian club. Instead of a group singing and praying there were the two women who made the crown and crowned Mary. There was no Spotswood Memorial Day Parade for us to participate in this year due to COVID.

In June our delegates were able to attend the Convention using Zoom which was a surprisingly enjoyable experience. Our donation of backpacks and Zip-lock bags was not assembled as in the past, but the amount of items donated in a short amount of time was still impressive.

We returned to our in person meetings in September. Social distancing and masks were part of the requirements and hospitality has been suspend-

ed. It was so wonderful to see our sister Columbiettes and it kind of felt we were coming out like the Munchkins when Glinda told them to "Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are."

In October we had a Halloween "Mask" Contest to bring some holiday fun to the meeting. Our winners received gift certificates that supported local businesses.

In October, again through Zoom, we were able to attend the New Initiation Ceremony and welcome two new members to our Auxiliary. We have continued to participate in the Don Bosco sponsored Hail Mary campaign to save unborn babies as we pray for our Nation.

Best Wishes to everyone as the holidays approach and we celebrate with family and friends. May the Baby Jesus bring us all wonderful gifts and blessings for 2021.





Long Valley

Sister Columbiettes,

With Covid-19 still upon us, things have certainly been interesting with the Do's and Don'ts of what's acceptable today. God doesn't give us what we can't handle. God helps us handle what we are given. The Long Valley Columbiettes have been seeing the Good from Covid, instead of the bad. And while some of our fundraisers and annual events had to be postponed or canceled, we continue to strive and will persevere through this.

Instead of meeting in person, our meetings have been virtual, via Zoom. I personally think this has been great for our fellow sisters to participate without leaving the comfort of their home. We've had two meetings so far, with great success, and will continue to do virtual meetings until further notice.

Covid-19 didn't care if you were a High School Senior in 2020, which should have been a time to celebrate instead of worry. We had two exceptional young women who were able to commit to

service work for their community and school, had exceptional grades, and attend mass on a regular basis, all during a world pandemic. We congratulate Olivia Booth (Picture 1), a student now at Brown University, and Tori Caracciolo (Picture 2), a student at the University of Michigan, for being our 2020 scholarship winners. After Mass, each girl was awarded \$500 and congratulated for being the exceptional students that they are. Way to go ladies!!!



One of the events we help out during summertime is Vets Summer Fest. This event is run to support Operation Chillout, an organization which helps out homeless Veterans. Due to Covid-19, it unfortunately had to be canceled. But thankfully, on Saturday, October 3rd, we were able to hold "Vets Summer Fest Car Show." And while attendance was not at our normal capacity (and social distancing was practiced), we were able to sell T-shirts and Cookbooks, that our auxiliary had made, and collected over \$300.00 to help our Veterans.



We, the Long Valley Columbiettes, just celebrated our 11th year of becoming an Auxiliary. On Saturday, October

17th 2020, we celebrated a joint Mass with our fellow Long Valley Knights of Columbus. It was a beautiful Mass that was said by our Chaplain, Father Jayke Parinas, followed by a reception. Pictured here are some of our fellow Columbiettes who attended the reception.



Another accomplishment of our sisters: we have crocheted 212 Scarves and 21 Hats to be donated to Father English Center, right before Christmas time. This is by far the most we have done in a single year. We will continue to crochet our scarves and hats throughout the year and are thankful for any yarn donations to help us succeed in our mission!





Ornaments! We can't wait to share the outcome of this, along with all the other fundraisers starting in the 2021 year!

We also welcome and congratulate our newest sister to our Auxiliary, Linda Skocyles, who made her major degree with a beautiful initiation ceremony via Zoom. Welcome Linda. We look forward to welcoming more new members as the new initiation ceremony is rolled out in New Jersey.

Unfortunately, our Christmas Cookie Sale, which is one of our biggest fundraisers, had to be canceled. In lieu of this, we are excited to announce that we will be selling Christmas

Continue to stay safe and healthy! God bless you all,

Laura Bigos, President
Long Valley Columbiettes

Millstone Valley

It's been quite a unique summer and fall as we continue to support each other and the community during the pandemic. We are grateful to have the continued and amazing leadership of our current and past officers. They provide us familiarity and consistency during these uncertain times. We are excited to welcome Linda Imperato as Sentinel as well as a couple of new committee chair people.

We are pleased to report that we have been able to continue to meet albeit virtually. We are all becoming quite capable using Zoom! During the month of August, our Auxiliary, along with other ministries of St. Joseph's, organized a collection of over 500 puzzle books that were delivered to the residents of 5 local

assisted living and rehabilitation centers. These residents have been isolated and lonely and were grateful to receive the puzzle books. Several of our members made cards of encouragement that were distributed to the residents as well.

In September, in conjunction with our Knights, we held the first ever prayer service for police at our local police station. An auxiliary member made 25 rosaries which were given out to attendees. The approximate half-hour service, which was attended by a dozen of our town's police officers, a dozen or so Columbiettes and many Knights, drew a large crowd of people from the community. An auxiliary member live-streamed it so others at home could watch.

During the months of September and October our parish held the First Communions and Confirmation services that were supposed to be held in the spring. Several of our members assisted with organizing these special masses and giving the students our gifts of handmade prayer pockets, rosaries, masks and ear savers.

We have been blessed to be able to attend mass indoors, outdoors or live-streamed. This has helped us stay connected to our parish and each other. During our parish's masses, indoor and out, several of our members have been assisting with directions to park cars, temperature taking and Eucharist distribution. We have also been able to bring meals and companionship (socially distanced and masked, of course) to our home-bound parishioners.

Our October parish picnic was a little different this year. Instead, our parish held an outdoor parish social with live music. We assisted the Knights in preparing and serving hot and cold beverages. We also had a pumpkin decorating station, sidewalk chalk and other games and contests for our younger parishioners.

We were proud and honored to have one new member, 2 current members and our Auxiliary President participate in the first-ever virtual Supreme Initiation Ceremony. We were so impressed with this beautiful ceremony and enjoyed seeing fellow



Columbiettes from around the country. Thank you Supreme. It was an awesome experience – well-organized and meaningful!

We were honored to be asked again to organize our parish's Annual Veterans Day celebration on November 15th. It was held outdoors and included a service, roll call and communion distribution. A gift bag was presented to each Veteran that included many items there were handmade by our Columbiettes including a thank you for your service card, a prayer scroll, a crocheted hat, a mask with ear saver and a gift card to a local restaurant. Gift bags were delivered to Veterans who could not attend.

At our November meeting we donated money to 3 local organizations – Miriam's Heart (an organization that works with foster and adopted children and their families), Feeding Hands and the Christina S. Walsh Breast Cancer Foundation in honor of Breast Awareness Month. Other activities to end the year include our annual Vendor Fair that will be held virtually and a collection of pajamas to give to the women and children at Safe & Sound.

We continue to pray for good health for all our Sister Columbiettes!



Msgr. James F. Gacquin

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Well 2020 has been very hard on our Auxiliary; probably the same can be said for yours. We are essentially taking a brief hiatus and staying safe at home, since our majority is over 60 years of age. We also do not have the ability to meet virtually since not all members or even a majority of members have computer access. We are praying daily that our world will heal and we will be able to once again meet and provide support to our parish and community. Until that time, please stay safe and well and may you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

God Bless,

Pat Lane President

Msgr. James F. Gacquin Columbiettes #12974

Our Lady of Peace—North Brunswick

As we adapt to the new way of doing things as the pandemic continues the Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes have been meeting regularly via Zoom. The ZOOM meetings enable us to discuss Columbiette business and give us the opportunity to see and interact with everyone. It is a wonderful tool and we have a great turnout to these meetings.

The 2020 Our Lady of Peace Indoor Garage and Bake Sale to be held on April 18, 2020 were cancelled due to Covid19. We planned to sponsor a local resident and her 3 children. Her husband and the father of the children died suddenly last year and are in desperate need of financial support. Despite the event being cancelled we were able to conduct an email and telephone campaign to vendors and others who had purchased a table for the garage sale to make donations. Through the emails sent and the individual Columbiette donations as well as the Knights Council # 11378, local organizations and businesses we were able to collect a total of \$2,570. This amount was given to Mrs. Reyes to help her through this difficult time and helped reduce her





financial difficulty. The family was very thankful and the donation helped them tremendously in their time of need.

The Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes #11378 North Brunswick volunteered to assist the township administration to make phone calls to residents of the North Brunswick community during the COVID19 pandemic. Each volunteer was given a list of approx. 75 – 100 people to call during the initial weeks of the quarantine to say hello, inquire about their health and their needs. As a result of these calls, the Columbiettes helped deliver food and medicine for the many people who were unable to get out to the stores. The program was a huge success for the town and the Columbiettes are proud to have been able to volunteer and participate in this worthy cause. In addition, our Columbiettes also volunteered to help the local Food Bank provide bags of food to all families in need of assistance. The food bank was a coordinated effort by the town to provide necessities to the residents in need during the pandemic. We continue to assist the local Food Bank and the Town Administration as needed during this pandemic.

The Columbiettes of Our Lady of Peace #11378, North Brunswick provided a scholarship monetary award in the amount of \$200 each to 3 graduating high school students in our area. These students were awarded in recognition of their outstanding volunteering in our community.

The Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes were grateful to be part of the First Virtual First Degree Ceremony held on Thursday August 6, 2020 via ZOOM. We welcome 3 new members to our Auxiliary who participated in the ceremony.

Joyce Early
JoAnn Fritsche
Mary Garcia

As the Supreme President state that evening “we made history” by having the very first virtual ceremony. The ceremony was nationwide and we are very proud to have been participants and increase our membership during these very difficult times. We thank Supreme and the Degree Team for the outstanding job they did in performing this ceremony.

The Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes # 11378 North Brunswick would like to wish all our Sisters and their families a very safe and healthy Thanksgiving.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help—Jersey City

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Auxiliary has been active virtually like anybody else because of this unwelcome pause imposed on us all by the Covid 19 scare.

We have continued our monthly meetings virtually since the beginning of the Colombian year.

In August 2020 we contributed 25 backpacks with school supplies and 20 bags of toiletries for our State Columbiette projects.

This month of November we continue our Thanksgiving Food Drive for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pantry here in Jersey City.

For December we will work in solidarity with the Jersey City Toy Drive. We will be collecting toys for the children in our Community of Jersey City.

We thank our President Elena Saludo and Past President Susan Liguori for keeping us connected to each other and doing our projects.

We are limited in our activities at this time but families are praying together for our families and for our Country during this turbulent times.

We continue to do our best to be peaceful and joyful knowing that God is protecting us and continue to provide for our safety and protection. For this we give thanks unceasingly to our God. Happy thanksgiving everyone.

Happy Advent and we look forward to celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus our Savior and Redeemer.

A happy and blessed Christmas and a Holy healthy New





Our Lady of Victory

The OLV Columbiettes would like to say that we are praying that all our Sister Columbiettes and their loved ones are safe and healthy during these very trying times. We are looking forward to continuing our charitable efforts to help bring some joy to others during this unprecedented and difficult time in our lives. Here are some of the things our auxiliary has been working on or participating in:

We made a donation to the St. Stan's Family Food Festival.

In early November, we held a Harvest Tricky Tray where the money collected by those who attended was donated to our charity.

Our auxiliary will be praying in memorial to honor and remember our deceased members in lieu of a Memorial Service typically held +during our December meeting.

A donation was made to St. Joseph's Nursing Home to help offset some of the facility's costs.

This year our member's participated in a Reverse Advent Calendar. For every day of Advent instead of receiving something,

a food item was purchased in its place. At the end of Advent, there were enough items to create full and lovely baskets to present to multiple families in need in our community. It was a fulfilling and creative way to celebrate Advent and keep the Christmas spirit alive.

We participated in the Giving Tree, where gifts or donations are made to children of our local churches.

Finally, we will be holding our Bakeless Cake Sale, where the proceeds will be given to charity.

In Closing, we pray for the safety and well-being of each and every one of our Sister Columbiettes and their loved ones. With our combined faith, we know that better times are ahead and we look forward to when we can all be together to continue the work that is the foundation of the Columbiettes. Our Lady of Victory Columbiettes wish our Sister Columbiettes a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Blessed New Year! We mostly wish you all Good Health. Be Safe, Be Well and God Bless.

Liza Palestrini
Secretary



Parsippany

Dear Sister Columbiettes:

Parsippany Columbiettes have turned into a temporary group of "Masked Marvels". We, like everyone else, have had to curtail our fundraising events since March. So many calls and comments about missing our Annual Tea have come in and show us how much that event means to so many of our friends and supporters. Individually we have all made contributions and given assistance in the name of Columbiettes. As a team we have donated material to the Lake Hopatcong Seniors for their mask making work. They sew for the Police, First Aid Rescue Squad and others in need. Blankets were again donated to a local Hospice. Material was also given to St. Ann's for their garage sale and to "Quilting for a Cause". We continue to serve and wish one and all a very Blessed Thanksgiving and a Happy Christmas. Of course, we ALL look forward to the NEW YEAR 2021.

The Masked Marvels of Parsippany



Santa Maria

On October 13, 2020 we celebrated our fifth anniversary with the Columbiettes.



We have been staying safe and keeping in touch with our fellow Columbiettes with zoom meetings. We had reached out to perspective new members before the shutdown, and we continue to try and stay in touch.



We held a fundraising event selling RADA cutlery. We are also promoting a soup can drive for the St. Vincent De Paul pantry at our church as the need has risen.

Prayers for all our sister Columbiettes and wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season.

Submitted by,
Joanne Daywalt

St. Ann

It was a tough hiatus for this new auxiliary at the start of 2020, but this summer brought St. Ann's back full-force. Our first order of business was gathering necessities for Little Sisters of the Poor in Totowa, who were in dire need of items like paper plates and toiletries for their home's COVID unit. We also answered the call for the backpack ministry, donating twenty-five filled backpacks—with a surprise note tucked into each one of them!

Fair Lawn also hosted a town-wide yard sale, which we eagerly participated in. The Knights of Columbus graciously let us borrow their hall for the event, which is nicely situated on a main road with lots of traffic. The yard sale aided in both raising money for the auxiliary, *and* motivating us to clean out our homes! Any items unsold at the end of the weekend were donated to charity.

Also, no year is complete without the Knights of Columbus's Italian Night. With music and (socially distant) dancing, it was the first time many of us had gone out and done something fun in months. We thank our Knights for letting us help out, and for feeding us well. We rounded out October with an indoor Trunk or Treat, inviting the neighborhood kids to enjoy Halloween and grab some treats in the warmth of the hall!





St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's Columbiettes has been holding our meeting via Zoom and we are proud to say we have not missed a beat, even with all of our different locations. Some of our members, who were unable to attend previously, have now been able to join the Zoom calls and it has been fantastic to see them again. At least one thing good has come out this situation. We have been busy putting all of our heads together to create new fundraisers so that we may still be able to assist our charities and their needs. Looking forward to the time we can all be back together in one location but until then, we keep on moving.

Praying we all remain safe and healthy in these uncertain times.

We wish you all a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

St. Augustine

With the spread of COVID-19 and the State mandates on mitigation since last spring, St. A's started off the year holding all of our monthly meetings virtually which seems to be going well so far. With the health and safety of all our sisters, we shall continue to hold all meetings and functions virtually and all communications electronically until after the new year where we will reassess.

The St. A's Auxiliary was pleased to have 3 new Officers installed for the 2020-2021 year: Jeanne Bellas as Financial Secretary, Bernice Cockinos as Treasurer and Robin Varsalona as



Secretary. ALL other officers will remain the same for the coming year. We would like to thank the ladies who are stepping down for all of their past service to the Auxiliary.

The St. A's Columbiettes just presented awards to 2 members of St. Augustine's Confirmation class for 2019 and continues to present a gift and plaque to all babies baptized at St. Augustine's each week. St. A's had the following Spring fundraiser activities planned that were ultimately cancelled due to the Corona virus: A mother's day plant sale and a monthly bake sale in conjunction with the Knight's monthly Communion Breakfast. We hope to pursue them in 2021 as the virus will hopefully be under control and our lives can get back to normal.

Before the corona virus shut everything down in the spring, the St. A's Columbiettes were able to participate in the "ROBO PETS for VETS" project with our Knights of Columbus Brothers. This was a project to benefit the Veterans at the Veteran's Memorial Home in Menlo Park, NJ. Donations can be made to the Knights to purchase the "ROBO PETS" (either a dog or cat) and these pets are then presented to the Vets in need. The "Robo Pets" assist vets with Alzheimers / Dementia and issues with their motor skills and agitation. The pets can bring comfort, companionship and fun and reduce the need for pharmaceuticals.

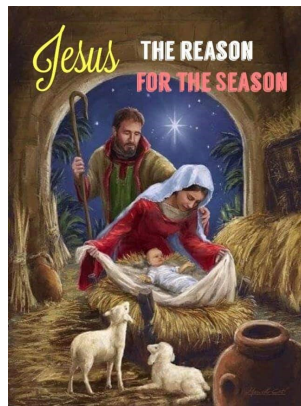




Currently, we are planning to participate in a mass on Nov. 17th with the Knights of Columbus to honor all our departed Brothers and Sisters. We are also planning for our Annual Christmas mass in December and hopefully the Christmas Brunch to follow and we are looking forward to planning a BIG Celebration next spring for our '20th' Anniversary and hoping to perform more good works in the coming year!

St. Augustine's wishes all of our Sister Columbiettes to Be Well and Stay Safe during these trying times! We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Terrific New Year! GOD BLESS!

Mary Kate Walsh
PRESIDENT



St. Bernadette

It was nice for us to meet again in September after our long hiatus due to the COVID-19 virus. We are meeting in person with social distancing in our parish meeting room and cleaning all surfaces thoroughly when we are finished. We cannot have any hospitality after our meetings until further notice but that is okay, especially now that it is getting darker earlier and our ladies can get home earlier. We are unable to do ZOOM meetings for members that cannot attend in person due to lack of internet in our meeting room but we are trying to do conference calls so members can feel included. We will see if this is a good solution going forward.

We had to cancel our summer Membership Drive in August and First Degree in September, and we will not be hosting our South East Chapter tricky tray and meeting in November. But we have many things planned for the year and we are excited to get started!

On October 11th we were once again asked to attend our Brother Knights Memorial Mass and to prepare a light breakfast following. We had

many volunteers to assist.

Immediately following our October meeting, we wrote Christmas Cards (English, Spanish, Chinese and Polish) and Chanukah Cards for The Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center Residents. We have been doing this for more than ten (10) years. Some members took the cards home and will return them completed at our November meeting. In addition, one of our members coordinated a breast cancer gift bag raffle. Various items in all shades of pink were raffled off and it was a lot of fun! We raised \$62.00.

Also, at our October meeting, we voted to donate Thanksgiving items to our Parish Social Concerns ministry. We will donate 5 \$10 Shop Rite gift cards and 5 of each item: Corn, Yams, Applesauce, Stuffing Mix, Green beans, Turkey Gravy, Cornbread mix, Cranberry Sauce, Chicken broth (for stuffing). These items will be given to those in need.

We participated in the South East Chapter Evening of Reflection in person and virtually. Father Smith did a





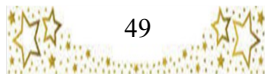
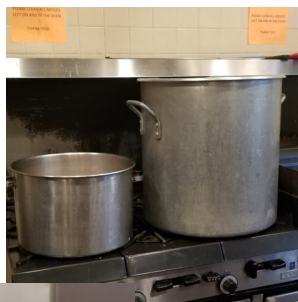
wonderful job assigning seats and making us feel safe in attending. It was a peaceful and thoughtful evening.

We had one member make her virtual Major Degree on 10/27. We are looking forward to being trained on the combined Initiation ceremony so we can host more of these for our pending new members.

We are holding our annual Soup To Go Sale in November. We have been taking orders in advance for quarts of chicken noodle and beef vegetable soup. On Saturday the soup is prepared, and we have a 2-hour window for pickup on Sunday. We were not sure

how well this would be received by the community, but our preorders are in line with our last sale, so we are happy about that. Social distancing has changed how we are planning to prepare for this event, we are doing much more in advance on Saturday with fewer volunteers and working Sunday pickup with a limited crew. Since our parish bingo has been suspended until next year, we will also be selling NJSCC Support Club raffle tickets that day. (We could always count on those bingo attendees to purchase tickets!!)

Kathy



Upcoming events are our Poinsettia Sale and Bake Sale in December. Our Parish "Women's Organization Christmas Party" has been cancelled and we will look to see if this is something we can do in the Spring.

Once again, this year we plan to donate Shop Rite gift cards in lieu of having a "grab bag" at our December Meeting. These cards are given to our Parish Social Concerns Committee.

We wish all our Sisters and their families a Very Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Kathy Jessen, President

St. David the King

Following below is a photo of the St. David the King Auxiliary, Princeton Junction, NJ, following a mass which celebrated our 10th anniversary on October 17, 2020.





St. James

St. James Auxiliary braced itself and prepared for a difficult Columbian Year. With the good planning of our Executive Board and the dedication of our members, we are managing through these difficult times. We are keeping a positive attitude and tuning up our creativity.

In June, we held our elections via mail-in balloting and agreed to postpone an Installation of Officers Ceremony until social gatherings are deemed safe. We are pleased the following were elected to our Executive Board: President Carol Bohinski, Vice President Daria Ludas, Secretary Joan Petrie, Financial Secretary Sandy Bohinski, Treasurer Linda Talnagi, and Sentinel Anne Mary Demetzky. Patricia DeCaro-Noha continues as Immediate Past President.

Since March, Our Knights of Columbus Hall is closed for all social gatherings. Our Regular Monthly Business Meetings are held virtually and will be held virtually until February. Learning the technology and overcoming the glitches of virtual meetings is a challenge but we are succeeding.

In September, St. James designated this Columbian Year as "The Year of the Hungry". All our charitable efforts this year will be centered on assisting those affected by job losses and cannot afford food. Restricted from holding a fund-raising event, we chose to donate funds from our treasury to the St. George New Life Food Pantry in Helmetta and to the Deacon's Food Pantry in Jamesburg. In October, three members attained full membership status as they witnessed the Initiation Ceremony hosted by the Supreme Council. Additionally, we kicked off our "Bake Less Cake Sale" to help support our mission and each member was requested to pray the rosary with the intention to end the pandemic.

On All Souls Day, we held a virtual Memorial Service honoring our deceased members. Though our members could not physically be together, we did "join" together to remember and honor. At the conclusion of our November Business Meeting, we "virtually" played the "Turkey Trot", a St. James annual tradition modified. Gobbling and laughter made this a special night for all.



Our Annual Christmas Party will "virtually" be a heavenly evening for all with our Advent prayer service, games, and songs. Attendees are asked to be dressed in Christmas attire, pour a drink for a toast, and have pocket books handy. We will keep the Christmas spirit.

Many plans for the New Year are underway and we pray to Our Lord we will be able to achieve our goals. In January, we will hold a food drive for our local Church pantries. We will pray together at our Corporate Communion Mass in February in conjunction with our Brother Knights. We will work with our Brother Knights at their Friday Lenten Dinners. We will hold our "Showers of Love" baby show-

er for Right to Life in April and look forward to the Weekend Retreat at San Alfonso's Retreat House. We will enjoy our "Pot Luck Supper" and the Crowning our Blessed Mother Ceremony in May. We will "Shake the Can" for vocations after all Masses at St. James and Holy Trinity Churches. Lastly, we will march with our brother Knights in the Jamesburg Memorial Day Parade to honor those who served our country so well. To all our Sisters, from St. James Columbiettes - Our sincerest wishes and prayers for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of blessed new beginnings.

Carol Bohinski, President



St. John's

St John's Council 1345 started our 2020-2021 year as most council's did, doing an in house and Zoom meeting for those who were uncomfortable attending in person. Also, due to the pandemic, we cancelled, just for this year our 15th Anniversary Celebration. We plan to have our Anniversary Celebration next year in the spring as a "Happy Anniversary, Sweet 16 Party!"

We also have started to have a "Food Drive" at our meetings. All are encouraged to bring canned/non-perishable food to our meeting. We then distribute to food pantries of the churches we support, St Mary's in Dumont and St John's in Bergenfield.

A new charity we are supporting and would like to mention is "Hope Scarves." This is a non-profit organization that takes donated scarves for women and children who have cancer or are cancer survivors. They only accept scarves large enough so they can wrap around their heads.

This organization is located

in Louisville, Kentucky. If you would like more information about this wonderful organization their website is: <https://hopescarves.org/donate-scarf/>.

The past few months have been an extremely difficult time for us. With the holidays and the new year approaching let us all keep praying, stay safe, be well. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Blessed, and Healthy New Year!

*Peace,
Roberta Elwell
Past President
St John's Council 1345
Dumont-Bergenfield*



St. John's Council Columbiettes celebrate the installation of our Grand Knight, Ken Armellino.

St. Philip the Apostle

NOTHING HOLDS US DOWN!

Under the leadership of President Denise Attoinese, the Columbiettes of St. Philip's Chapter 11671, continue to serve the city of Clifton, N.J. and vicinity with their service.

During the height of the pandemic we donated trays of food to the nursing staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, where one of our sister Columbiettes works. It was our token of love and appreciation to these first responders who worked tirelessly during this most difficult time.

In September we donated 50 backpacks filled with school supplies to Power of One, a Christian outreach organization located in Clifton, which were given to underprivileged children in our community. Chairlady Karen Rice worked diligently during the course of the year to collect and disperse the given supplies.

Cathy Murtha and members of our Blanket Ministry have been meeting outdoors to crochet hats, mittens and blankets which were donated to the needy in our community.

We have been donating food to the Father English Food Pantry in Paterson. Hundreds of dollars' worth of boxed and canned goods are being collected monthly by our members under the direction of Jeanne Brooks. The Covid 19 pandemic continues to be a challenging experience for our society causing much sadness and uncertainty. However, our Columbiettes continue to serve the community with faith, hope and charity.





South Amboy

This is a perfect opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who have graciously dedicated their time and efforts to our fundraiser on 10/17/20 Columbiette Roast beef/turkey dinner pick up and our 10/24/20 Knights of Columbus breakfast pick up. We are especially happy to have had great turnout in both and want to thank all who assisted in making these events successful.

Our blessings go out to all auxiliaries!

Saint Bernadettes's soup pick up on 11/8/20 also a great turnout during this unforgettable pandemic. By the way the soup was really delicious! Keep up the good work!

Upcoming events are underway!

Knights of Columbus Food Drive drop off on 12/5/20 and Fun with Santa – Outdoor on 12/13/20

Happy Thanksgiving!

Vicki Dante Lattanzi
President



Vincent T. Lombardi

What a year it has been! We are all facing challenges due to the COVID 19 crisis. For us here at VTL we had our last in-person meeting in March and tried a Zoom meeting in October.

In September we held a graveside prayer service in honor of Connie Lopusznick where we presented Connie's family with a Columbiette grave marker. Connie was a Charter member who passed away in 2016. Connie served as Vice President, Treasurer, and was a member of the Sunshine Committee.

Two bright spots-this past summer we turned 10! And via a virtual Degree ceremony, we welcomed a new member, Kathleen Burke.


Stay Well and God Bless,

Mary Vernarelli
Vice President

THE CORONAVIRUS
Deliverance Prayer

In the Name of Jesus,
And by his Most Precious Blood,
With your oceans of Mercy, Lord,
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
COVID-19 and any other forms of infectious diseases,
I order you to be
Disabled,
Discharged,
And defeated!
Take your hands off of me,
My family,
My property,
My finances,
My work,
My parish,
My Church,
My community,
My state,
My country,
And the world!
You, COVID-19 and all other infectious diseases,
Are hereby disabled, discharged, and defeated,
In the Holy Name of Jesus,
By His Most Precious Blood,
By the overflowing Mercy of God's love,
And by the power of the Holy Spirit!
Amen and Amen!

By Bishop David L. Ricken
Divine Mercy Sunday 2020



Diocese of
Green Bay





Warren

Greetings from the Warren Columbiettes of Phillipsburg

During the time of quarantine in March through June the Warren Council Columbiettes were able to conduct business via email and phone calls.

We held an essay contest with the confirmation classes asking them to submit a letter on why they chose their confirmation name. Four students were awarded a monetary prize. We were able to make donations to our local Catholic Charity with diapers for the needy moms with babies. We gave a monetary donation to Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Augustinian Recollect Nuns. We were able to donate to our virtual convention which included boosters and an ad. We also gave to our Pennies from Heaven which we collected from two churches in February.

There were two golf tournaments that we able to sponsor. We gave a donation to our local food pantry.

It was left up to the Chapters to gather our tab tops, backpacks, and toiletry bags and we gladly delivered them to a meeting place where our State

President Elena and I as Chapter President delivered all the items to our designated diocese.



We had our first in person meeting in September at Mercy Hall. Everyone wore a mask and were social distanced by many tables. We all signed our Code of Conduct and now our Covid Release forms. We were able to conduct two fund raisers. One being a Friends Helping Friends event that would give us a 5% donation from the Boscov's department store for shopping in their store on October 14th and 15th. The other was a bake-less cake sale where we left a basket at the entrance of the churches for monetary donations. We made out very well!



We will be having a religious article sale in November after all masses. We are gathering names for the 30 week raffle which is being sponsored by the NJ State Columbiettes.

In December we will help our Knights fill 400 bags of groceries for the needy in our community.

We wish you a safe and healthy rest of the year. Hopefully looking forward to a new year in 2021

Bev Redondo- President of Warren Council Columbiettes #474

State Directory Updates

Any updates to the New Jersey State Directory should be sent to Michele Ewing at nmewingrn@comcast.net. The online edition of the New Jersey State Directory will be available shortly on the state website at: www.njcolumbiettes.com.



A Note From the Editor

Dear Sister Columbiettes,

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles and photos for this publication.

Unfortunately, due to the high cost of printing the ECHO, printed subscriptions are no longer available. However, it is possible to have the booklet electronically sent to you via your auxiliary president and/or other officials who receive it. Additionally, it is posted as a .PDF file on the state website at: www.njcolumbiettes.com. Please share this availability with your members.

Before you know it the deadline for the spring edition (April 15, 2021) will be here. Submissions can be e-mailed to: echonewsletter@hotmail.com. Microsoft Word files are the easiest to manipulate when inserting into the publication. If you do not have the ability to e-mail files, you may mail reports to me at: 22 Nancy Terrace, Hackettstown, NJ 07840. If you have any questions, please call at (973) 699-6793. Hopefully, our spring issue will have representation from all auxiliaries.

Thank you. Stay healthy and safe.

Lucie Cohn

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